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Applicant : Vincent Bryan *et al.*
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**REQUEST FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2004**

Sir:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action mailed on September 24, 2004, in the above-captioned application. Applicants request that the time for response be extended up to and include January 24, 2005.

A check in the amount of \$2120.00 is attached to cover the one-month extension of time fee (\$120.00) for a large entity and additional claims (\$2000.00). Additionally, applicants herein authorize the PTO to charge **Deposit Account No. 50-0206** in the amount of \$200.00 for additional claims fees associated herewith. In the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2004, please amend the above-captioned application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 31 of this paper.

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